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REPORT OF THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SECTION.

Five meetings have been held during the past year, at which communications were made by Prof's. Brinton, Allen, and Culin, and a special communication on "Primitive Transportation," by Prof. Otis T. Mason, of the National Museum, Washington, D. C. A committee was appointed to consider the question of obtaining space in the old museum hall for the collection of crania possessed by the Academy. Mr. John G. Rothmel was elected Treasurer, to succeed Dr. M. V. Ball, resigned. The death of Dr. Harrison Allen left vacant the Directorship, which office he has filled since the organization of the Section. At the December business meeting a quorum was not present, and the annual election could not be held, the officers of the Section being continued until the next meeting. The office of Director remains vacant.

CHARLES MORRIS,
Recorder.

REPORTS OF THE PROFESSORS.

ANGELO HEILPRIN, PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY, reports that the work in his department during the past year has been confined mainly to its educational aspect. The regular spring course of instruction was comprised in twenty-six lectures and eight field demonstrations, the attendance at which, while smaller than in the corresponding period of the year before, was sufficient to indicate a live interest in geology and an appreciation of the opportunities that were offered for practical study. As in previous years a large part of the classes was composed of school teachers. A special course of six lectures was delivered under the auspices of the Ludwick Institute in November and December, with the largest attendance yet secured in the Academy, the record showing an average of 163 for each lecture.

The condition of the collections in the department of geology remains unchanged. There is a deficiency of case-room, and immediate relief can hardly be looked for. Some rearrangement of the collections has been made under the direction of the Curators, both in the old and in the new museum buildings, but a large part of the specimens must still be placed in the drawers of the cases.

Additions to this department of the Academy's museum, and notably to the affiliated department of paleontology, have been re-

ceived from various sources, a number of them from former students of the courses of geology. While the generous gift of the late Prof. E. D. Cope does not strictly concern the department of geology, as defined by the By-Laws, a reference to it cannot be omitted. Prof. Cope's collections are not only a monument to the indomitable energy and scientific devotion of a master of his specialty, but of the utmost importance to the student of vertebrate paleontology. The collections should be secured for the Academy, to which they have been virtually proffered, and with which the name of the deceased has been most intimately associated.

DANIEL G. BRINTON, M. D., PROFESSOR OF ETHNOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY, reports that during the spring of 1897, a course of free public lectures was delivered by him in the lecture hall of the Academy on the recent advances in the science of anthropology. The lectures were well attended, and an increased popular interest in this branch was manifest.

The anthropological collections of the Academy have been arranged in mostly new cases and exposed to public view in a favorable portion of the recently constructed addition to the Academy building. The number of visitors who give attention to this portion of the collections of the Academy show that it is one in which the general public is much interested.

BENJAMIN SHARP, M. D., PROFESSOR OF INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY, reports that during the past year he delivered two courses, one of ten and the other of six lectures, upon invertebrate zoology, under the auspices of the Ludwick Institute, and one lecture in the Friday Evening Course on "The Sea and its Influence upon Animal Life."

The additions to the museum have not been extensive, the most important being the collection of invertebrates made by the Alaskan and Siberian Expedition.

HENRY A. PILSBRY, PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOLLUSCA, reports that he has delivered two courses of lectures upon Malacology during the year.

Several reports upon particular groups of mollusks, both recent and fossil, based upon material in the collection of the Academy have been prepared and published in the *Proceedings*, together with others based upon material sent for investigation from abroad. Progress has been made in the classification and arrangement of the

collection, the details of which may be found in the report of the Conservator of the Conchological Section.

HENRY SKINNER, M. D., PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSECTA, reports fully on the condition of the entomological collections, his statements being included in the report of the Entomological Section. He will deliver six lectures in the Academy's Ludwick Institute Course early in the coming year.

The election of Officers, Councillors and Members of the Finance Committee to serve during 1898, was held with the following result:—

<i>President,</i>	. . . .	Samuel G. Dixon, M. D.
<i>Vice-Presidents,</i>	. . . .	Thomas Meehan.
	. . . .	Rev. Henry C. McCook, D. D.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	. . . .	Edward J. Nolan, M. D.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	. . . .	Benjamin Sharp, M. D.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . . .	George Vaux, Jr.
<i>Librarian,</i>	. . . .	Edward J. Nolan, M. D.
<i>Curators,</i>	. . . .	Henry A. Pilsbry.
		Henry C. Chapman, M. D.
		Arthur Erwin Brown.
		Samuel G. Dixon, M. D.
<i>Councillors to serve three years,</i>		Charles P. Perot.
		C. Newlin Peirce.
		Theodore D. Rand.
		Philip P. Calvert.
<i>Finance Committee,</i>	. . . .	Charles Morris.
		Chas. E. Smith.
		Uselma C. Smith.
		William Sellers.
		Charles P. Perot.
<i>Councillor for unexpired term</i>		
<i>of two years,</i>	. . . .	Charles H. Cramp.

ELECTIONS DURING 1897.

MEMBERS.

January 26.—William Biddle Cadwalader, Charles J. Pennock.

February 23.—Thomas H. Montgomery.

March 30.—Bartram W. Griffiths, E. T. Stotesbury, Robert K. McNeely, Louis Weber, M. D.

April 27.—Henry Brinton Coxe, Ferdinand Philips, Eckley Brinton Coxe, Jr.

May 25.—Sager Chadwick.

June 29.—Alonzo H. Stewart, M. D., Chas. E. De M. Sajous, M. D.

September 28.—Thomas H. Conarroe, M. D., G. A. Muller, Katherine Muller.

October 26.—Daniel Baugh.

November 30.—J. Waln Vaux.